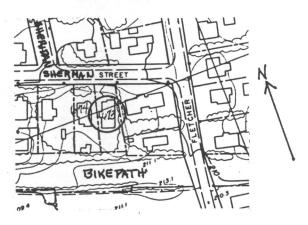
FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING 220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125





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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year) March 1998

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number 0048000153 Boston N. 673

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 31 Sherman St.

Historic Name Hovey House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1902

Source Lexington Valuation lists

Style/Form Queen Anne

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Fieldstone

Wall/Trim Wood Clapboard/Wood Shingle

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Major Alterations (with dates)
Rear additions (dates unknown)

Condition Good

Moved ⊠ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 0.1 A.

Setting On a side street with late 19th-century houses; next to a house that is a mirror-image

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION see continuation sheet Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of oth	ner buildings within the community.
31 and 29 Sherman St. (MHC #674) were clearly built as a pair—perhaps the only instance houses. The houses are almost exact mirror images, but with subtle differences. Both are rec three-by-three bays, and front-gabled with side chimneys and projecting 2½-story gabled bays set on fieldstone foundations, clad with wood clapboards and wood shingles, and roofed with a two-story octagonal tower with a peaked roof with flared eaves surmounted by a ball finial, a similar though larger panels under the first-story windows; both houses have a front porch wit frieze; and both have diamond-pattered shingles in the gables. Some finishes are echoes rather used in the pediment of the front gable at 29 Sherman is used in the side gable at 31 Sherman, at the base of the front gable at 31 Sherman is seen in the side gable at 29 Sherman. And som one house: the triple window in the front gable and oculus window in the side gable at 29 Sherman and alterations also differ. In the case of 31 Sherman, there are turned posts and a frieze and front porch both on an entry on the west elevation and on a rear porch, and one-story shed-roof the story shed-roof the story of the story of the west elevation and on a rear porch, and one-story shed-roof the story of	stangular with a rear ell, 2½ stories, a facing each other. Both houses are asphalt shingles. Both also have a frieze of rectangular panels, and th turned posts and a square-stick or than mirrors, however: the sunburst, and the band of rectangular panels are original finishes are unique to just rman; the segmental window head in als at 29 Sherman. The rear additions balusters similar to those on the
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HISTORICAL NARRATIVE see continuation sheet Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. In role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.	aclude uses of the building, and the
Lexington assessors' records indicate that 31 Sherman St. was built in 1902 in the name of En Hovey, an engineer on the Boston and Maine Railroad, whose tracks ran right behind this hou Hoveys had lived on Fletcher St. as had Justus Morse, the baggage master at the Lexington st house next door at 29 Sherman St. (MHC #674). Presumably the two men, who must have last neighbors, had decided to build adjoining matching houses. It is not known, however, when houses. Although the Sherman/Sheridan/Grant Street area was developed as one of rental Hoveys apparently lived in this house themselves and were still there in 1924.	se. Before building this house the ation, who built the twin of this known each other through work and re they acquired the plans for the
BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES see continuation sheet	
Lexington Directory. 1902–03, 1906, 1908–09, 1924. Lexington Valuation Lists. 1902–1903.	
Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. If checked, you mus Register Criteria Statement form.	st attach a completed National

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

Town LEXINGTON

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Property Address} \\ 31 \text{ SHERMAN ST.} \end{array}$

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

The paired Queen Anne houses at 29 and 31 Sherman Street were constructed for two sisters – the former Emma and Addie Philbrick of Bedford - and their respective husbands. Emma Philbrick married Robert Hovey in June 1900. The wedding took place at the home of her sister, Mrs. Justus Morse who then lived on Fletcher Avenue. Mr. Hovey was described as a popular engineer on the B & M RR while Miss Philbrick was a member of the Euterpe Orchestra (*Minuteman*, June 22, 1900).

In 1902 the two couples apparently moved from Fletcher Avenue to their newly-constructed, side-by-side houses on Sherman Street.

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